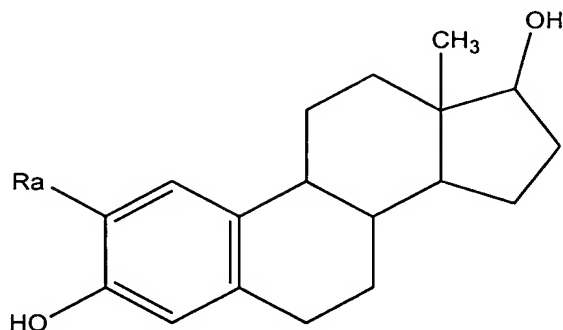


What is claimed is:

1. A method of inhibiting neovascularization in a mammal, comprising administering to the mammal a neovascularization-inhibiting amount of a compound of the formula:

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wherein, R_a is -OR₁ or -OCOR₁, wherein R₁ is -H, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group of up to 6 carbons.

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2. The method of Claim 1, wherein R_a is -OR₁.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein R_a is -OCOR₁.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization.

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5. The method of Claim 2, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization.

6. The method of Claim 3, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization.

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization and the compound is 2-methoxyestradiol.

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